

SENATE BILL 3211
By Person, Curtis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204(a)(1), is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(1) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a)(1) The employer or the employer's agent shall furnish free of charge to the employee such medical and surgical treatment, medicine, medical and surgical supplies, crutches, artificial members, and other apparatus, including prescription eyeglasses and eye wear, such nursing services or psychological services as ordered by the attending physician and hospitalization, including such dental work made reasonably necessary by accident as herein defined, as may be reasonably required; provided, that within thirty (30) days after examination or treatment of an employee, a physician shall, upon request, furnish to the employer or to the employer's insurer and to the employee or the employee's attorney a complete medical report at a charge not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20.00) for reports forty (40) pages or less in length and twenty-five cents (25¢) per page for each page copied after the first forty (40) pages, as to the claimed injury, its effect upon the employee, the medical treatment prescribed, an estimate of the duration of required hospitalization, if any, and an itemized statement of charges for medical services to date. If an employer or an insurer has not previously requested copies of such records from a physician or hospital, then an attorney for an employer may request such records under this subdivision.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

